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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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A18	International Search Report of PCT/EP2004/002165 (6 pages)
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